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WHAT'S ON

## From the Chamber

We are now in the final stages of considering our draft Budget 2022/23 and Year 2 update for the 2021-31 Council Plan.

I'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time so far to provide feedback on these hugely important documents for our community.

Although the pop-up consultations have just ended, you can still have your say until 27 May.

It's exciting to see our streets springing back to life with residents and visitors enjoying fantastic, free live entertainment and the great dining on offer.

We've received terrific feedback about the Victorian Government funded Autumn on Acland activation, where talented artists including Ella Hooper, Tim Rogers, Amos Roach and Clare Bowditch delighted onlookers at Acland Plaza.

Autumn on Carlisle Street is underway until 11 June, so please drop by to enjoy the entertainment and consider sampling the many dining and shopping opportunities along the street.

We're delighted to present the 39th St Kilda Film Festival from 27 May to 5 June. As always, it's a jam-packed program and Australia's longest-running short film festival will again be celebrating some of Australia's best local short filmmakers and screen artists.

I'm pleased to say there's plenty more free entertainment ahead. We will soon be announcing a live music initiative to help warm up the winter months when we have finalised the program. So please keep a lookout on our social media channels and website.

I hope you enjoy the feature about our animal management team. We all know the joy and companionship which animals can bring. With this comes responsibilities, to our pets and others. We heard loud and clear from our community during consultation for our updated Domestic Animal Management Plan that they want us to promote, and when necessary,



enforce the rules which keep two and four-legged members of our community safe.

Please stay informed and follow the rules so we can all enjoy this wonderful City and its beautiful open spaces.

As always, please feel free to call or email me anytime if I can help you or your family.

Regards,

Cr Marcus Pearl

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



## Pets of Port Phillip

This is the second in an occasional series looking at a day in the life of Council Officers undertaking a range of services for our community.

Diversity went on patrol with Animal Management Officer Elle. As she explains, her role requires plenty of animal – and people – skills.

They say never work with children or animals but Port Phillip Council Animal Management Officer Elle wouldn't have it any other way.

From New Zealand, her previous roles include working as a veterinary nurse and senior animal shelter attendant as well as an animal management officer for a NZ council. "I am animal mad. I was always the crazy animal kid gathering up animals."

In search of a new challenge, Elle joined our Council in January this year. She sees her role as helping pets and people share the City as safely as possible at a time when both populations are growing. As one of Victoria's most densely populated municipalities, this is placing increasing demands on amenity and access to popular open spaces.

Her work is varied, with Elle regularly witnessing everything from happiness to heartbreak - sometimes in one shift. It's a delicate balance between education and enforcement and emotions can run high.

"There are definitely dog lovers, cat lovers, people who either don't like animals or are scared by them due to trauma such as a dog attack and people whose pets are their lives. So when conflicts arise, it's about how can we help pet owners and non-pet owners to live in harmony," she observes.

Barking dogs are among these pressure points, with post-lockdown life stressing out many pooches. A Barking Dog Management Kit can be picked up from St Kilda Town Hall.

"There's lots of separation anxiety, some dogs completely flip out when there is suddenly no-one at home – barking, pacing or being destructive". Frustrated dogs barking in apartments after their "walkies" have decreased are another pandemic related problem.

When Animal Management Officers receive a barking complaint, they establish if there is an issue and provide advice as a first step. A canine unprepared for their owner returning to the workplace can benefit from a range of actions, from more exercise to training and enrichment tools.

During the shift, Elle visits a home after a caller has complained about a barking dog. She is always alert on duty "as you never know what to expect from people or animals". In this case it's a pint-size senior rescue dog with a big personality, whose new owner jokes has "small dog syndrome". The owner is friendly and listens to Elle's advice as the cute "culprit" alternates between trotting up for pats and barking at passing dogs. Time will tell if Elle needs to make a return visit.

Investigating dog attacks is a priority for the animal management team. "I have five on the go at the moment with three of them serious," Elle says. This detailed research forms the foundation of the prosecution case when a serious attack is brought to court. She stops off at a home to talk to the owner of a dog alleged to have attacked another dog. No-one is there so Elle leaves her business card. If there is no follow-up call, she will be back.

While many Port Phillip pet owners are responsible, Elle says some become defensive when approached about complaints or during patrol checks. "We understand there is emotion involved, it's their baby. Animals can get people through some pretty dark times."

The line is crossed when defensiveness turns to verbal abuse. "We do cop a lot of verbal abuse, both in public and over the phone. It shouldn't be normal but it is for us, even when it shouldn't be."

She advises dog owners to seek help before any troubling pet behaviour escalates. "We want to keep everyone happy and safe, including the animals. This is why we do enforcement – we don't want your dog to get out and be run over or have to seize them if they bite someone."

Following on-leash rules is another way of reducing the chances of an incident. It's not uncommon to hear a dog owner blithely saying their pet is friendly when it runs to greet other

dogs or people. A friendly dog bounding up to a less social leashed dog, however, can result in vet and doctor bills.

The patrol includes a visit to St Kilda Botanical Gardens, which has entrance signs stating that dogs must be leashed. Animal management officers are used to seeing dog owners entering with ball throwers for off-leash antics despite the signage, which sparks complaints from picnickers or older people concerned about being literally bowled over. There's a few people dotted about, including a man feeding a flock of greedy pigeons, with one perched on his head.

Elle does a routine check with a man walking a dog which is not wearing a registration tag. The man is impatient and questions why she needs this information, at one point saying he feels harassed. Elle politely reiterates the reasons and scans the dog for a microchip. When back at the Town Hall, she will check the information and whether the dog is registered. Further along, a woman quickly clips a leash on her pooch when she spots Elle. She is apologetic, admitting the leash was off "as it's so quiet" as the dog enjoys a relaxing roll on the ground. Data from a microchip scan will be checked as the owner is unsure whether the dog registration is up to date.

Microchips are also crucial when Elle needs to play pet detective to reunite lost pets with their distraught owners.

Every lost dog is scanned for a microchip and a central animal registration database will be searched if a chip isn't listed with the Port Phillip database. This can require serious sleuthing if the contact details aren't current. If the owner can be at the St Kilda Town Hall within a few hours their pooch will be kept there for collection and not sent to the Lost Dogs' Home, which acts as Council's pound.

"The dog gets some awesome office time as well as snuggles and treats. The aim is always to reunite owners and their pets," Elle says. The animal management van is stashed with treats to sooth stressed lost animals and to reward extra good boys and girls on patrol – with their owners' permission. The caged back section is air conditioned and divided in two to ensure cats and dogs aboard don't end up fighting ... like cats and dogs.

Reunions are bittersweet, however, when an animal has died. Earlier this year, a much-loved curious cat escaped and was killed by a car. Elle and fellow Animal Management Officer Karmen were able to return him to his heartbroken owner after successfully scanning for a microchip. "She was very upset as he had brought her so much comfort during the pandemic but was grateful for the closure and no longer having to wonder what happened."

Between park patrols, Elle is asked to respond to an anonymous call about a cat locked up in a parked car. She soon locates the vehicle, and has a chat with the kitten's owner who has returned to the car. He explains he and his partner are living in the car as they are currently homeless but are being assessed for housing. The vehicle has food and water and a litter tray for kitten, which looks well-nourished. Cuddling the kitty, her owner thanks Elle when she hands over a flyer about the Pets of Port Phillip Clinic, a program at the Port Phillip Animal Hospital in Albert Park run by veterinarian Rebecca Goode. Funded by a Victorian Government grant and supported by Council and the Department of Health and Human Services, it's largely targeted to assist financially struggling pet owners in public housing.

Free desexing, vaccination, worming and flea treatments for pets is offered for concession holders along with microchipping and a year's free pet registration. There's door to door service with animal management officers including Elle picking up the pets and returning them home after the treatments.

The program has already had a major impact on the number of feral cats roaming around Port Phillip as well as making life a little easier for animal lovers such as Paul.

While now back in employment and private accommodation in Port Phillip, Paul was doing it tough in public housing last year after losing his job due to the pandemic.

A lifelong animal lover, Paul captured an elusive feral cat and her three kittens after they

descended on his mother's property. After finding good homes for the youngsters, he kept the sad tortoiseshell mum and named her Shelley. "She was emaciated and riddled with fleas, she had gone through quite a lot of misery as a young mum."

When Paul heard about Pets of Port Phillip he thought the program only involved a discount for desexing pets. "I was really pleasantly surprised when Council said 'we will do it all'. Back then it was a struggle just for myself so it would have been very difficult paying the costs for Shelley. I found Council to be really friendly and helpful. It was touching to see they cared that animals are well-looked after." Shelley has overcome her tough start to be a friendly, happy girl who rules the roost – and Paul's Great Dane. "She's learnt to trust and she's a loving cat now, she's just flourished and is plump and sleek."

The patrols are over and Elle is heading back to the Town Hall to complete other work.

She chats about how much she loves Port Phillip residents' passion for their pets and how she intends to take her two puppies out for a long walk on her day off.

"Pets are part of life here, at the cafes, the parks and the streets. It's so cool. I love living here."

Top 5 responsible pet owner tips  
Register and microchip your furry friend

Obey rules, including keeping your dog on-leash unless in an off-lead area

Pick up your dog's poo

Follow the new 9 pm to 6 am cat curfew (residents can order a free humane cat trap to capture a regularly trespassing moggy. The Lost Dogs' Home will pick the trap up and make every possible effort to establish if the cat has an owner and, if it is feral, whether it can be homed.)

Be respectful to all creatures great and small.

Did you know?

There are 8,398 registered dogs and 3,931 registered cats in Port Phillip

The top three dog breeds are Cavoodle, Labrador and Maltese Terrier Cross.





## St Kilda Film Festival lights up the big screen

The 2022 St Kilda Film Festival (SKFF) will return to the big screen across Friday 27 May – Sunday 5 June to celebrate some of Australia’s best local short filmmakers and screen artists.

Now in its 39th year, SKFF is Australia’s longest-running short film festival, recognising the genre of short film, including music videos, gaming and immersive forms. The Festival is proudly presented by City of Port Phillip and will feature an extensive short film program with 13 screening sessions and programming at Port Phillip venues including The Astor Theatre in St Kilda, which will also play host to the Festival’s much-anticipated opening night event on Friday 27 May.

Drawn from a call for entries from hundreds of new short films from around the country, this year’s red-carpet opening night event features a diverse selection including a dynamic drama, a dash of horror, a sprinkle of comedy and beautiful animation and poetic documentary.

This year’s St Kilda Film Festival line-up includes:

- Freedom Swimmer (director Olivia Martin McGuire) a hybrid, poetic documentary interweaving hand-drawn animation and film, which tells the story of a grandfather’s perilous swim from China to Hong Kong during the Cultural Revolution.
- Hatchback (director Riley Sugars) a new black comedy about Vince (Stephen Curry) attempting to clean up a dead body for the mob, but when he enlists the help of his dim-witted brother-in-law Ted (Jackson Tozer), things don’t go to plan.
- Finding Jedda (director Tanith Glynn-Maloney) where two girls go head-to-head for the role of a lifetime, in a reimagining of the 1954 auditions for the iconic Australian film Jedda.
- There’s Someone Here (director Ryan de Rooy) about a young mother’s paranoia as she slowly discovers that a presence is looming.
- Nest (director James Hunter) where an isolated father haunted by his child’s cries of hunger takes up work as a timber feller only to be stopped by a mysterious alarm coming from deep in the woods.
- Ishmael (director Toby Morris)

- We're Doing Well (director Andrew Mills), winner of Step Right Up Audience Choice at the 31st MQFF Awards 2021.
- Thomas Rides in an Ambulance (director Jamieson Pearce) Expect a jam-packed night of some of the best short form works to kick off 10 days of physical and online screenings of cinematic delights with filmmakers and guests from around the country.

Successful filmmakers in this year's Festival will share in \$20,000 in prizes across multiple categories and stand among some impressive alumni. As one of only four accredited Academy Award qualifying events in Australia, previous SKFF entrants have gone on to win major prizes at international festivals.

Shorts have been developed into features and many memorable names in the Australian film industry have forged their path through SKFF. This includes past SKFF award winner and Melbourne filmmaker Greig Fraser, who recently took home an Oscar for Best Cinematography for his work on the blockbuster film Dune.

Additional SKFF programming includes:

- Victorian Pride Centre hosts the LGBTQIA+ program Pride Without Prejudice, containing beautiful cinematic lines, moving relationships, social comment, an inspirational and moving personal documentary and a festival favourite comedy.
- Australian Animation Showcase pops at the seams with an astonishing diversity of styles and themes. This sparkling program features beautiful personal diaries, lyrical anti-war comment, social justice, inexplicable and absurd comedy, and startling futuristic imaginings.
- Australian Documentary Showcase is filled with real surprises with several of the works pushing the form to the very limit in anyone's terms as they explore visual style, personal relationships, narrative structures and those tiny moments that resonate as profound statements.
- Under the Radar is a SKFF competition showcasing the 10 best short films from young filmmakers across Australia, assessed, judged and organised by the City of Port Phillip FReeZA committee who themselves are talented young creatives. The winner will walk away with \$1,000 prize money and the encouragement to keep creating and honing their craft. Under the Radar aims to support and elevate young people interested in pursuing careers in the arts.

SKFF is supported by major government partners Screen Australia and VicScreen.

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### Revitalising the Palais Theatre and Luna Park precinct

We're partnering with the Victorian Government to revitalise and reshape the Palais Theatre and Luna Park precinct between Acland Street, the St Kilda Foreshore and the Esplanade Market to create a safer, pedestrian-friendly, attractive and usable space.



This will enhance the area around the historic amusement park and picture palace with seating, garden beds, new trees, high quality paving, new lighting and a shared zone on Cavell Street that is designed to reduce vehicle speed and prioritise pedestrians.

To create this new space, an area of Lower Esplanade in front of the Palais Theatre will need to be closed, and the road to the west of the closure (extending to Jacka Boulevard) will need to be converted to a two-way roadway.

Construction in the precinct is anticipated to start in May 2022 and take approximately six months to complete. Some disruption to traffic and pedestrians will occur, particularly during

construction of the Cavell Street shared zone. The Esplanade Market and access to the Palais Theatre and Luna Park will remain open during construction. Some noise will be associated with construction works but will be limited to normal working hours.

Construction updates and advice relating to any temporary road or footpath closures will be provided in advance.

For information on the project, visit <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/palais-theatre-and-luna-park-precinct-revitalisation>

## Upgraded Point Ormond Playground open

The newly upgraded Point Ormond Playground at Point Ormond Reserve, Elwood is now fully accessible and open to the public, thanks to its redevelopment through the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program.



The Australian Government awarded more than \$3.4 million across eight projects under this program to help us deliver improved community infrastructure and to support local jobs. With the program's support, several improvements have been delivered, with the latest being the Point Ormond Playground upgrade.

The playground's condition had been declining so its redevelopment ensures that it meets Australian standards while enhancing play and amenities in the area.

Through community consultation and feedback, its design responds to its special location, includes water play, musical play, and a reduced number of concrete paths.

The new Point Ormond Playground now caters to all ages and abilities, with new accessible play equipment - including Beacon-style play structures and a wheelchair accessible carousel, BBQ areas, a picnic shelter, more trees, and an improved path network linking the playground to the Bay Trail and Beacon Hill Lookout.

The playground and picnic areas are open, and the BBQs are operational.

More details on the upgrades can be found here: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/point-ormond-playground>

We're continuing to advocate for infrastructure funding through programs such as the LRCI program. Read about this federal advocacy priority here: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/federal-advocacy-priorities/increased-investment-lrci-and-black-spot-funding-programs>

## Brazen bronze thefts across Port Phillip

Council is asking residents to play detective and look out for missing bronze plaques and artworks after a spate of thefts and attempted thefts over the past few weeks.

The stolen items from Elwood and St Kilda include a sundial, provided by local children's author Celeste Walters, to delight children travelling to and from school along Elwood Canal.





The bluestone plinth is now all that remains.

Celeste donated the sundial and plinth in 2017 after receiving a generous bequest from a friend to encourage learning. "I wasn't sure what to do until one day I saw a mother and child studying a sundial on an octagonal plinth. This is more than a beautiful monument, I thought - it's a tool for learning."

Until it was stolen, the sundial was studied by Elwood College science students and admired by passers-by. Council is looking at commissioning a replacement.

Celeste hopes the thief will return the original sundial - if they still have it. "I would say to them, it's not yours, it's not mine. It's for people everywhere, inside and outside our community, to enjoy."

Acting Mayor Tim Baxter said it could cost Council about \$10,000 to replace all the artefacts. "And of course you can't place a monetary value on the loss of markers of our City's history."

The reason for the thefts is unclear but may be related to the metal being sold. Anyone who notices a missing plaque is encouraged to call Council's ASSIST line on 9209 6777 so it can be added to the list.

If a plaque theft is in progress, Victoria Police advises witnesses to call Triple Zero (000). Police are encouraging anyone who saw suspicious activity in the relevant areas, or who may have seen similar items for sale in scrap metal yards, to contact Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000) or online.

### **Stolen**

- Bronze sundial from Elwood Canal
- Plaque from the Memorial Cairn in Port Ormond marking the site of Victoria's first quarantine station (established in 1840 when the Glen Huntley sailed into Port Phillip flying the quarantine flag)
- Plaque recognising the service of ex-Soviet Union veterans in World War II at the Jim Duggan Reserve, St Kilda
- Plaque on a gazebo at the St Kilda Botanical Gardens donated by the Levi family in 1929.

### **Attempted thefts**

- Plaque on the St Kilda Botanical Gardens conservatory
- Plaque on a water sculpture at a West St Kilda street intersection
- Plaque commemorating the birthplace of artist Rupert Bunny on Inkerman Street
- Plaque at Summerland Mansions, the site of the first Crown land sale in St Kilda at the corner of Fitzroy Street and Acland Street.

## **Managing water for Fishermans Bend**

The world's best water managing practices are embedded in an important new long-term strategy for the growing Fishermans Bend community.

A partnership between the Victorian Government, Cities of Port Phillip and Melbourne, South East Water, Melbourne Water, Water Sensitive Cities Australia and the Office of the Victorian Government Architect has resulted in the Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City Strategy.



“This partnership approach, led by the Victorian Government, has resulted in an innovative strategy which will reduce the impact of flooding, improve stormwater quality before it enters the Bay and provide a climate-resilient water supply,” Port Phillip Council Mayor Marcus Pearl said.

Water has, and always will be, an integral part of Fishermans Bend. Managing water is crucial for its community as Fishermans Bend lies between the Yarra River and the Bay and faces heightened flooding risks from climate change.

A secure, sustainable water supply will be provided for all parks and sports facilities within Fishermans Bend, with the potential opportunity to irrigate other open spaces in surrounding neighbourhoods with recycled water.

The strategy also commits to delivering fit-for-purpose recycled water for every resident. All buildings will be connected to a recycled water network for everyday tasks such as clothes washing, toilet flushing, garden irrigation and wash down (such as cars), reducing use of precious drinking water.

A flood levee (embankment) is planned along the banks of the Yarra River to protect Fishermans Bend from flooding. This will be part of the latter stage of the 30-year strategy and involves the levee being integrated into the urban fabric, rather than being a traditional soil barrier.

As well as applying world’s best practice to manage water in collaborative and innovative ways across residential, business and public spaces, the Strategy also supports a sustainable future for Port Phillip as the City adapts to a changing climate and the accompanying sea level rise.

The Fishermans Bend precinct covers approximately 480 hectares within the Cities of Port Phillip and Melbourne. By 2050, it is predicted this area will be home to approximately 80,000 residents and provide jobs for up to 80,000 people.

The strategy is at its starting point and will be delivered as part of the wider Fishermans Bend urban renewal process. Council will be collaborating with partners, including the Victorian Government, to undertake infrastructure planning and begin delivery of this long-term strategy.

This involves continuing to work together to incorporate water infrastructure into open spaces, streets and buildings through a levee, drainage and pump upgrades, distributed storages in open space, raingardens, tree pits, green roofs, green walls, smart rainwater tanks and a recycled water network throughout Fishermans Bend.

This all contributes to a liveable, productive, sustainable and resilient future for Australia’s largest urban renewal project.

For more information go to: <https://www.fishermansbend.vic.gov.au/media/fishermans-bend-water-sensitive-city-strategy>

## Celebrating great design

The Victorian Pride Centre (VPC) took pride of place at the 2022 City of Port Phillip Design and Development Awards.

Since 1998, the Design and Development Awards has encouraged and celebrated design excellence in the City of Port Phillip.



The VPC won the Public and Institutional Category and received a commendation in the Sustainability Category. Bearley Architects & Urbanists and Grant Amon Architects created

this major civic building and landmark which reflects St Kilda's rich history: a prominent location in the heart of Fitzroy St which has a history of alternative popular culture.

The Van Haandel Group's Stokehouse, took home top honours for the Sustainability Category, thanks to achieving an impressive 'Australian Excellence' Green Star Design & As Built Rating in 2021 - a first for a fine-dining restaurant in the Southern Hemisphere. Sustainability features include a geothermal-hybrid system to heat and cool the facility by utilising the constant temperatures of the earth underground.

Joint winners were named in the Residential New Build Category – Richard Kerr Architecture for a skilfully designed contemporary family home where sliding doors reveal seamless connections to courtyard spaces and Coy Yiontis Architects for a stunning design including a living pavilion which allows winter light while controlling summer sun.

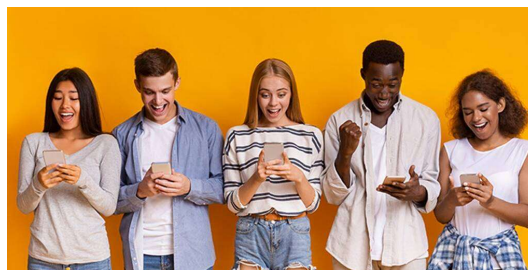
The Residential – Alteration or Addition Category award was won by McMahon and Nerlich Architects for the reinvention of a red brick home into a delightful contemporary space, complete with roof terrace.

HIP V. HYPE snagged the Multi-Unit and Mixed Use award with a townhouse featuring a striking street silhouette and Parks Victoria's Albert Park Depot and Office (Harrison and White) won the Interior non-residential award for integrating a pavilion building with office functions, and providing the necessary security for industrial-like needs - all within a park setting.

A skilful reinvention of a Victorian residence which seamlessly connected the old and the new saw Robson Rak Architecture take out the Heritage Category.

The Strategy or Plan Category was awarded to the University of New South Wales for its work on cooling urban spaces which will be applied in South Melbourne and could be applicable across the whole municipality.

## We are speaking your language



Google translate has arrived on the City of Port Phillip website.

Our website is now easier to understand for many of our residents who do not speak English as their first language. Using Google Translate, visitors to the website can automatically translate any page in seconds. Our most commonly spoken languages are available. All you need to do is choose your language in the drop down box at the top of every page.

It is important to note that no automated translation is perfect. We know that it is not the same as human translators. We have provided these translations to help our website users. Please note, the official language of our website is English.

谷歌翻译已登陆菲利普港市网站.对于许多不以英语为母语的居民来说, 我们的网站现在更容易理解. 使用谷歌翻译, 网站的访问者可以在几秒钟内自动翻译任何页面. 我们最常用的语言是可用的. 您需要做的就是每页顶部的下拉框中选择您的语言.

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Google translate est arrivé sur le site Web de la ville de Port Phillip.

Notre site Web est maintenant plus facile à comprendre pour bon nombre de nos résidents qui n'ont pas l'anglais comme langue maternelle. À l'aide de Google Translate, les visiteurs du site Web peuvent traduire automatiquement n'importe quelle page en quelques secondes.



Nos langues les plus couramment parlées sont disponibles. Tout ce que vous avez à faire est de choisir votre langue dans la liste déroulante en haut de chaque page.

Il est important de noter qu'aucune traduction automatique n'est parfaite. Nous savons que ce n'est pas la même chose que les traducteurs humains. Nous avons fourni ces traductions pour aider les utilisateurs de notre site Web. Veuillez noter que la langue officielle de notre site Web est l'anglais.

To Google translate έφτασε στον ιστότοπο του City of Port Phillip.

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सिटी ऑफ पोर्ट फिलिप की वेबसाइट पर Google अनुवाद आ गया है

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## Autumn on Carlisle Street

There's a new activity platform on Carlisle Street, which is hosting a series of musicians, children's activities and art.

Come along and enjoy the free programming, or simply relax with a coffee on the platform.

For more information,

visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/explore-the-city/shopping-and-retail/st-kilda-east-and-balaclava/autumn-on-carlisle-street>



## Scamwatch

We have been alerted to community members receiving phone calls from people claiming to be from City of Port Phillip conducting a survey.

These calls are not coming from us and we encourage anyone who receives a call to hang up and notify Scamwatch by

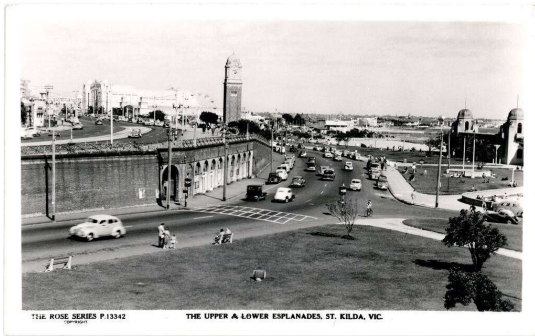
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# Arts in Focus



## Ten hidden Port Phillip treasures

### 1. St Kilda Racecourse

Chaucer Street, St Kilda

St Kilda Racecourse was located at the southern end of Peanut Farm Reserve. Races, including the St Kilda Cup, were held in late December and early January from 1847-1868. Surrounded by swampland, the boggy course was often problematic for horses and riders but it was close to town and popular with race-goers. On Boxing Day 1866, over 3000 people attended.

### 2. Shaw-Ross Airfield

Westport Reserve, The Boulevard opposite Barak Road, Port Melbourne  
In 1920 Major Harry Turner Shaw and Lieutenant Hubert Galsworthy Ross founded the Shaw-Ross Engineering and Aviation Company behind the sand dunes on Ferry Road, Port Melbourne. In May 1921, Fishermans Bend Aerodrome became the first licenced aerodrome in Victoria. The same month, Lieutenant Ross was involved in an aeroplane crash in Port Melbourne, in which he and two passengers were killed. This resulted in one of the first air crash investigations in Australia.

### 3. The Abattoirs

Robinson Reserve, 393 Barkly Street, Elwood

The St Kilda Municipal Abattoirs operated near here from 1862 until 1899, despite residents' objections to the foul odours and dumped offal in the Elster Creek. Adding to the smell were the 'manure depots' much appreciated by the market gardeners of Brighton. Elster Creek was later transformed into the Elwood Canal.



## Lovers and Fighters

A group of alumni from the City of Port Phillip Environmental Leaders course has come together to curate a diverse mix of environmental themed art.

The theme 'Lovers & Fighters' acknowledges the different motivations that have inspired the artists involved in their work. The 'Lovers' that encourage connection and caring for our fragile environment and the 'Fighters' that ignite the desire to act to protect it.

The exhibition's organisers are working with other environmental leaders and community organisations to host sustainable living workshops and mini-markets. For most of the team, this is their first experience curating an exhibition.

Matt Bray, team leader and Creative Director of Art Disrupt said: "Our goal is to have fun and experiment with engaging ways to present the inspirational collection of work to encourage conversation and connection to the vibrant Port Phillip sustainable living and climate action community."

Profits from the exhibition will support Eco Connect, a hyperlocal online directory for members of the City of Port Phillip sustainable living and climate action community.

The exhibition, by Art Disrupt, is on display at the Artful Yoga Gallery, 1 Vale Street, St Kilda from 17 May to 17 June.

for more information, visit: <https://artdisrupt.com/>

#### **4. Point Ormond**

Point Ormond Reserve, Elwood  
For thousands of years First Peoples camped on Point Ormond. Early settlers called it the Red Bluff. In 1840 a quarantine station and a graveyard were established here for the fever ship Glen Huntly. By 1905 part of the Red Bluff had been removed for landfill for the Elwood swamp. The navigational beacon helped ships find their way to the ports. Beacons were lit here for the Separation celebrations in 1851 and the Bicentennial celebrations in 1988.

#### **5. Middle Park Baths**

Beaconsfield Parade at Armstrong Street, Middle Park  
The Middle Park Baths opened on this site in February 1892. With a natural sandy gradient, this beach allowed swimming in both shallow and deep water, and the baths were well equipped for their time. Originally privately operated, the Baths were purchased by South Melbourne Council in 1911. Initially bathing was limited to men only, however mixed bathing was approved by Council in 1954. The Baths were eventually demolished in 1961 after sustaining repeated storm damage to the timber structure.

#### **6. Cable Car Tram Shed**

10 Brighton Road, St Kilda East  
This is the site of the former cable tram car shed for the Brighton Road tram line. Opened in 1888, this route travelled along Brighton Road, High Street, St Kilda Road and Swanston Street, before terminating at Queensberry Street. Melbourne's cable tram network ran from 1885 until 1940 and was the fourth biggest in the world. This route was altered and electrified in 1926.

#### **7. The making of Vegemite**

76-82 Kerferd Road, Albert Park  
This building (pictured below) tells the story of the invention of Vegemite right here in Albert Park. The former building at 76-82 Kerferd Road was home to South Melbourne College. After the college closed in 1916, Fred Walker used the building to produce food products. The now iconic Vegemite spread was developed here in 1923 by Dr C. P. Callister.

South Melbourne College, an early co-educational establishment, moved to this site in 1905. It had a reputation for academic excellence, especially in the education of girls who competed on equal

terms with the boys. Notable author Katherine Susannah Prichard was one of the school's students. The college closed in 1916 and the building was demolished in 1933, leaving the name 'College Place' as its only trace.

### **8. Esplanade 'Vaults'**

Jacka Boulevard (opposite the Sea Baths)  
In the 1890s, public transport on the Esplanade was upgraded with a new cable tramway replacing the old horse-drawn omnibus, managed by the Melbourne Tramway & Omnibus Company. The upper Esplanade roadway needed to be widened to accommodate the new tram tracks. As part of the embankment works in 1890-91, provision was made for ten shops with arched ceilings and verandas facing onto the lower Esplanade and built into the supporting wall - now known as the Esplanade Vaults.

### **9. Pumping Station**

Esplanade West, Port Melbourne  
Gigantic machinery within this 1891 building still pumps floodwaters during heavy rainfall. In the early 20th century great gas-driven pumps were operated by George Beazley, whose rain-activated device would wake him when a storm arose so that he could start the machinery. When George retired the pumps were electrified.

### **10. Monterey**

17 Queens Road, Melbourne  
Between 1942 and 1944 an allied intelligence code breaking operation known as FRUMEL (Fleet Radio Unit, Melbourne) worked from Monterey apartments. Australian, American and British navy personnel, 90 per cent of whom were women, worked alongside university professors to decipher Japanese codes. FRUMEL played a crucial role in allied victories during this time including the 1942 Battle of Midway. After decades of secrecy, FRUMEL records were declassified in 1987.

## **Help Shape our City**

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and Budget**



consultations go live.

### Help shape...

#### Ludwig Stamer Reserve - play space

Following initial community engagement in December 2021, a draft concept plan has been developed for Ludwig Stamer Reserve play space.

We'll be asking for your feedback on a draft concept plan in May-June 2022. In the meantime, find out more about the project and sign up to receive project updates.

To have your say, visit: <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/>

Consultation submissions for our Council Plan and Budget close on Thursday 27 May.

Use this opportunity to make your voice heard. Visit Have Your Say to read more about the draft Plan and Budget and share your feedback

Throughout May and June we'll be asking for your feedback on a range of projects and initiatives across our City. Sign up to Have Your Say to receive notifications as these

## Community Spirit

### ANAM anniversary celebrated

Celebrating 25 years as a proud resident of the Port Phillip community, the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) Orchestra performed a free concert at St Kilda Town Hall last month.

ANAM will return to perform another free concert series later in the year, while ANAMates memberships will continue to be free for all Port Phillip residents. An ANAMates membership gives free entry to many ANAM performances, including concerts, recitals, masterclasses, discussions and discounts to ANAM's season concerts.

Visit: <https://anam.com.au/>



## What's On





## St Kilda Writers Festival

Prologue: 25 - 29 May

The St Kilda Writers Festival returns with many wonderful events lined up over the coming months.

The event, previously known as St Kilda Writers' Week, will feature live music and film, literary lunches, signings, writing workshops for books, theatre and film, live poetry slams and much more.

The St Kilda Writers Festival is sponsored by the City of Port Phillip with events taking place in several locations across St Kilda, including the Victorian Pride Centre.

For more information about the St Kilda Writers Festival website.

## Art of Belonging

Wednesday 15 June  
7 pm - 9.30 pm

A panel discussion is the centrepiece of Space2b's Refugee Week celebrations.

*The Art of Belonging* is an honest and inspiring panel discussion with five resilient creatives who have overcome amazing odds to become the people they are today.

Hear from Farhad Bandesh, a Kurdish musician, artist, winemaker who left Melbourne Transit Accommodation after eight years in detention.

Anahita Diba, a self-taught artist who started with pen and paper while in detention, will also speak alongside many more presenters.

For more information, visit the Space2b website.

## Market Foodie Tour

Saturday 19 June  
9.30 am - 10.30 am

Since 1867, South Melbourne Market has been a treasured inner city landmark and a favourite amongst locals and visitors. It's a unique experience with a melting pot of great food, entertainment, creativity and culture.

Discover all of this and more on a guided Market Foodie Tour where you will meet specialist traders and hear about seasonal produce, the secrets behind their artisan creations, plus cooking tips, shopping advice and more.

Tour includes visits to the Market's iconic French patisserie, chocolatier, fromagerie, oyster bar and Spanish bodega.

For more information, visit the South Melbourne Market website.

## Locals offer

### St Kilda Film Festival

Can you smell the popcorn?

The St Kilda Film Festival opens on Friday 27 May and we have a special offer for local residents.

Use code **Local2022** at the checkout to receive 10 per cent off all tickets across all sessions on the St Kilda Film Festival website.



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